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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 1 and 9 April 1954, there was air activity at Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield including flying three- and four- ship formations and squadron formations. Source repeatedly had the impression that aircraft from Industriehafen practiced with aircraft from Brandenburg-Briest airfield and some aircraft from Industriehafen landed in Briest. Furthermore, Il-10s from Industriehafen repeatedly made low-level attacks in the area of Briest airfield. The number of Il-10s observed at Industriehafen field varied between 23 and 31. Between 22 April and 3 May, there was an increased air activity by individual aircraft. Formation flying generally was practiced by formations of up to three aircraft. Noteworthy was night flying activity by flights of threes on 25 and 27 April. About 7 p.m. on 3 May, when Soviet soldiers played football at the field, source observed from the fence that a total of 43 Il-10s were parked at the dispersal areas, including 8 Il-10s with red propeller hubs and red upper edges on their rudder assemblies, parked at the western flank; adjacent east, 6 Il-10s without color markings; and next to them, aircraft apparently with red propeller hubs and red upper edges on their rudder assemblies. 25X1
2. During the first half of April, mostly formation flying was practiced at the field. On 5 April, a total of 37 Il-10s were aloft at the same time. During the second half of April, air activity was less intensive and mostly individual flights were made. Between 27 to 40 Il-10s were parked on the usual dispersal areas. Source believed that aircraft from Industriehafen landed in Briest and vice versa. A twin-engine aircraft                      landed on 16 April and again took off on 19 April. Occasionally, Po-2s were observed aloft.                      25X1
3. Between 17 and 29 April, individual flights and occasionally flights in two and three ship formations were made at the field. Low-level attacks were repeatedly observed. Occasionally, Po-2s were observed aloft. Po-2s practiced night flying on 29 April. During the period under review, 36 Il-10s were twice counted at the field. The aircraft observed on 23 April included one                      with a red propeller hub, a gray-green upper edge on the tail unit, and 2 or 3 silver-gray or pale blue/grayish lateral stripes on the upper edges of the rudder assembly. The gray-green color on the tail unit was slightly brighter than the camouflage paint of the aircraft. Two additional Il-10s                      red propeller hubs and no color markings on their tail units were seen. 25X1

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4. Between 16 and 19 April, there was air activity at the field including individual flights and formation flights of up to 7 Il-10s.

Comment. Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment. Previously, 47 to 51 Il-10s have been observed at the field. Most of the aircraft are marked by red propeller hubs and red upper edges on the rudder assemblies. The meaning of the other markings is not yet known.

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